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SUBJECT: HOUSING - KING, DUANE LM, FSIO-4, FSI STUDENT YOKOHAMA

REF.: TOKYO 3715 AND 3936

1. CONTINUED SEARCH WITH KING USING JAPANESE LANGUAGE TO APPROACH OWNERS DIRECTLY HAS BEEN FRUITFUL. OWNER OF NEWLY PROPOSED HOUSING HAS AGREED TO HOLD HOUSING FOR KING UNTIL WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 1975, PENDING TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL FROM WASHINGTON. EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEASE APRIL 10, 1975. REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL SOONEST FOR SPECIAL ALLOWANCE GRANT. SF-1190 WILL BE AIR MAILED IMMEDIATELY.

2. FSI DIRECTOR LEVY STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED HOUSING IS NEITHER OSTENTATIOUS NOR LUXURIOUS AND IS EXCEPTIONALLY REASONABLE WITHIN CURRENT RENTAL MARKET, CHARACTERIZED BY LACK OF RENTAL UNIT. THE TOTAL COST IS \$600 BELOW PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED APARTMENT (SEE REFERENCE 3715). THE ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT IS EQUIPPED WITH MAJOR APPLIANCES, CENTRALLY HEATED AND AIR CONDITIONED. THIS RELIEVES U.S. GOVERNMENT OF ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSE IN PROVIDING SUCH EQUIPMENT.

3. THE APARTMENT IS LOCATED AT 107 YAMATE-CHO, NAKA-KU, YOKOHAMA. ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS OF HOUSING ARE AS FOLLOWS: RENT YEN 2,220,000 FOR DOLLARS 7,682 INCLUDES CENTRAL HEATING AND COOLING COSTS. UTILITY YEN 120,000 FOR DOLLARS 420. P/A TOTAL YEN 2,340,000 FOR DOLLARS 8,102 USING PREVAILING EXCHANGE RATE OF YEN 286 TO U.S. DOLLAR 1.00.

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4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSPECTORS' RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL ASAP, OTHERWISE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY ALSO
MAY BE LOST.
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